

Municipal Offices, Charles St., Kew, 3101

### September 1986

# **Meet the Mayor**



Cr Joe Ormando

After seven years as councillor for North Ward, Joe Ormando was installed as Mayor of Kew on August 5th.

Joe is commencing his term with enthusiasm although very much aware of the difficulties which lie ahead.

"This will be a challenging time. We have the major issue of Local Government restructure to contend with and this is affecting planning at all levels," he said.

Joe has lived in Kew for nine years. He was a well known identity in the Junction Male menswear store in High Street but has since sold that business. He now works as an Insurance Agent for Prudential Insurance which gives him the flexibility he needs to fulfil his civic duties.

Joe's wife Celia runs the Q Coffee House in the Junction and she is looking forward to her role as Lady Mayoress. They have four children: Simone 13, Gabriel 12, and Jacinta 6 all attend local schools and four year old Michael is at kindergarten.

The Ormandos are anticipating a busy time ahead!

Joe Ormando discusses the issues of his role as Mayor and the issues which face Kew in Commentary on page 3.



## Municipal Election and Poll results

The Municipal Election has resulted in one new councillor in College Ward, Philip Barnes, who has joined Councillors Phyllis Hore (re-elected unopposed) and Phyllis Tinney. Cr Barnes contested the seat vacated by the resignation of Noel Seletto.

Sitting Councillors Wendy Smith (North Ward), David Timms (Prospect Ward) and Anne Glasson (Central Ward) were returned convincingly. Cr Jill O'Brien in Studley Park was also re-elected unopposed.

The turn out in the four wards where elections were held averaged 58.5% of those eligible to vote.

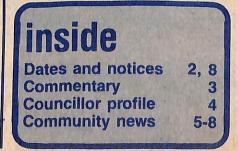
The Poll held in conjunction with the election to gauge resident opinion on the four restructure options defined by Kew Council, showed that a majority of those voting favoured the retention of Kew as it is.

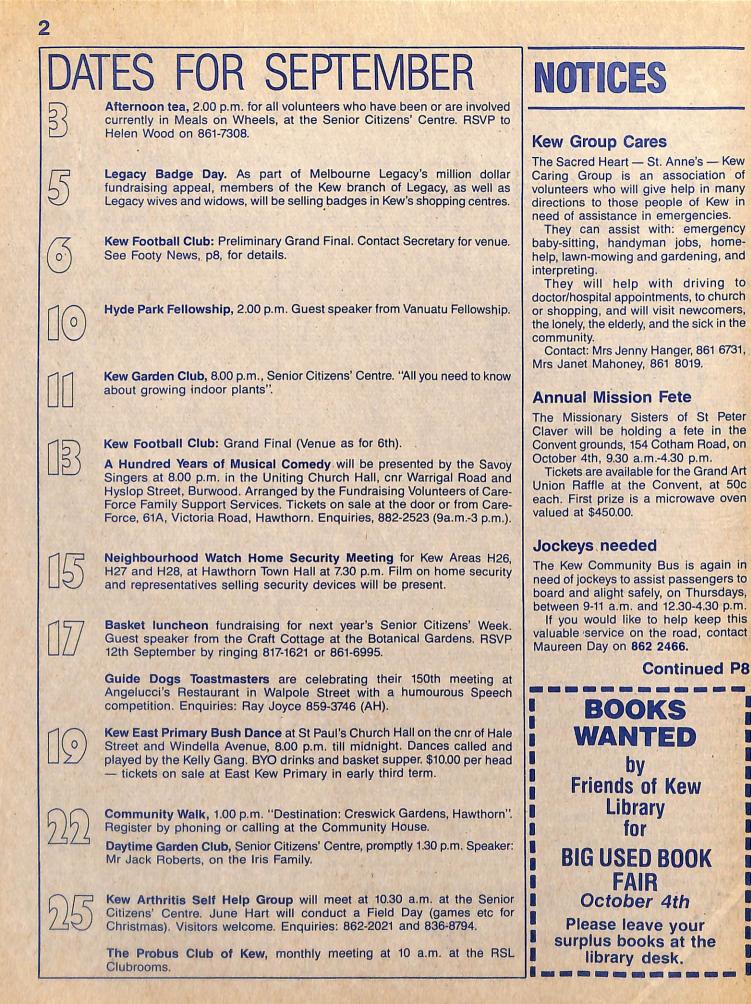
Of the 10,848 votes cast, 6563 first preferences were for Kew alone. This was 60.5% of the vote, with Kew/Hawthorn a poor second with 17.4%. The restructure of Kew with Balwyn and North Balwyn and the amalgamation of Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell, had little support.

In Studley Park Ward which had no election, only 19% of those eligible chose to vote in the Poll.

The preference for Kew alone was spread fairly evenly over the wards, but North Ward had the least, with 50% and Studley Park the most, with 67%.

The results of the Poll will be included in Kew's submission to the local Government Commission which has now been put back to September 22nd.





# Commentary by the Mayor, Councillor Joe Ormando

# A challenging year ahead

Whichever way we look at it, the coming year is going to be beset with uncertainty. The amalgamation issue has created an atmosphere of doubt which is having a negative effect on Council's activities and decision making. It is also a very divisive issue, which can be clearly seen in views expressed both in the community and in Council.

The poll held in conjunction with the municipal elections demonstrated that residents want Kew to stay as it is. The option to maintain the status quo was well ahead of the others with 60.5% of the vote. The second preference, for Kew/Hawthorn gained 17.4% and the other two options had very little support.

In Kew we have long prided ourselves on being a very democratically run Council. Our policy of open meetings has meant that residents are encouraged to express their views on issues which concern them and have these views taken into account. Council debate has always looked at problems from every side.

Now that the majority of voters have expressed a preference, it's the Council's duty as the elected voice of the municipality to fight for the maintenance of Kew in its present form.

At the same time, we must have confidence in planning the activities of the Council, tempered by an awareness of the major changes which amalgamation would bring.

I would hope that as Mayor I could lead a united Council, a Council committed to represent the wishes of the community, through what can only be a very difficult period for Kew.

## Kew Integration Project

Over the next few issues of Kewriosity it is planned to feature several articles, that initially appeared in the Malvern Newsheet in 1985, and highlight issues that people with disabilities face in their lives:—

One day I was walking home from work when I saw a man in a wheelchair trying to get over a kerb to cross the street. I didn't know him personally and felt a little embarrassed when I offered to help. The man accepted my offer and explained how he wanted the chair turned and pushed across the kerb.

Just like everyone else, most people with disabilities like to do as much for themselves as they possibly can. Still, there's no need for us to feel hesitant about offering to help when it seems that someone might need assistance. If a person needs assistance then he or she will say so and explain what needs to be done. It's only polite to ask first, before jumping in and helping where our help may not really be necessary.

Wheelchair users often have preferred ways of getting up or down steps or kerbs. Just ask! They're the experts. A visually impaired person might welcome an offer to be guided aboard a train or across the street. Ask first, then let the person take your arm if he or she wishes.

It is a natural reaction for us to want to be helpful. The best way to help with disabilities is not to assume what they need. Ask!

#### STACEY DEJEAN-APEITOS JUDITH SAMMONS

We would also like to hear from anyone in the local area, whether disabled or not, who are interested in encouraging community awareness and involvement in issues facing people with disabilities, especially in relation to recreation.

If you have any experiences or information that you would like to share, or you would like to find out more about the Kew Recreation Integration Project, please write to the Project Officer, Craig Midgley, C/- Kew Municipal Offices or phone him on Tuesday (8.30-2.30) and Thursday (8.30-1.00) on 862-2466.



## Join the celebration!

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At the Municipal Offices we've received a video from the Australian Bicentennial Authority called **Community-Living Together.** 

The fifteen minute video explores the themes of the bicentennial celebrations: our rich multi-cultural community and Australia's development as a great nation.



To quote from the blurb:

"Living Together invites us to reflect on relationships between all Australians, of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. And between the cities and the country. It also means living with our environments and our relationship with the world and the roles of the past, present and future in shaping our lives."

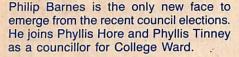
The video is available free to schools, community groups and individuals. If you would like to borrow it, contact Alan Chung on **862 2466.** 

#### Council meeting times for September

- 9 Standing Committees 7.30 p.m.
- 16 General Purposes Committee 7.30 p.m.
- 23 COUNCIL 8.00 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Committee Rooms at the Municipal Offices and are open to the public.





Like some other councillors, it was an established record of community involvement which led him to stand for local government.

Cr Barnes, a town planner, works in Kew in his business "Philip Barnes Planning Associates," which specializes in town planning and landscape architecture. He is also an enthusiastic member of the Kew Historical Society. These interests complement each other in giving depth and breadth to his sociohistorical approach to the physical environment.

His firm has had considerable experience working for various councils and state government authorities and he hopes to contribute his expertise particularly in housing and shopping centre studies, to the Kew community.

For Cr Barnes, "community" means people living together and utilising their environment for maximum effect. He feels a community should be characterised by a strong sense of local identity and neighbourliness.

"Streets are not just traffic carriers; they are for living. I would like to see more street parties in Kew where people can get to know one another," he said.

### **Cr** Philip Barnes

Profile



Cr Philip Barnes and family.

This idea has a practical expression in Cr Barnes' intention to work to improve footpaths, roads and street environments in College Ward. He would also like to see an upgrading of small local shopping centres, through the addition of signs, seating and planting tubs to create a "village atmosphere".

It is not surprising that Philip Barnes is very much in favour of the Kew Heritage Study as it promotes an awareness of Kew's past in relation to the present and he also supports the Aesthetics Advisory Panel.

Cr Barnes is very concerned with the provision of quality Council services. As the father of two young children and a frequent visitor to local parks and playgrounds, he has a particular interest in the development of open and urban space resources for all age groups.

He believes Kew needs a subsidised full day child care centre and that services for the elderly and youth, Kew's two largest age groups, should be expanded.

Cr Barnes believes there is a need for an indoor heated pool in Kew and improved library facilities, but within reasonable financial limitations and not at the expense of basic services.

Cr Barnes is a member of the Inner Eastern Region Housing Council which has made him aware of the housing problems in the community which, he believes, will accelerate in the coming years. He thinks that local government should be preparing for this eventuality.

Philip Barnes' family, leisure professional and council interests seem to dovetail very nicely. His wife, Sally, is very involved in his business and community activities; the children, Christopher 4 and Stephanie 2, are enthusiastic users of Kew's playgrounds and in his spare time, Philip collects old Australian movies — "generally documentaries". Yet another way on understanding the way communities develop.

## good gardening



Weeds are the curse of every gardener. They either grow rapidly, seed readily and profusely, or survive in the most difficult of circumstances which makes them a nuisance.

It is an excellent time right now to do some cleaning up in the garden to get rid of weeds before they start seeding. Many weeds produce seeds in the late spring and early summer so it is better to "nip them in the bud" now. There is an old saying — one year's seeding means ten years' weeding.

Most annual weeds can be pulled out readily by hand. However chemical weed control is sometimes necessary for large areas of weeds and those perennial types which are particularly hard to get rid of.

Many residents would have seen the Council's weeds control unit and the operator spraying weeds. The chemical being used is **Roundup** (glysophate) which is the safest herbicide available. Its characteristics are as follows:

- 1. It is completely biodegradable.
- 2. It does not affect the soil.
- 3. It is not taken up by plant roots.
- 4. It is not retained in animal tissues.

5. It does not vaporize and travel through the air.

All chemicals, however, must be treated with respect and used strictly in accordance with the directions. The chemical glysophate is available in nurseries under a variety of brand names, the most well known being **Zero**.

Peter Davies Superintendant of Parks and Gardens



During October, the 1987 Community Directory will be prepared.

If you, your organization, school, church, group or club need to change the entry in the current directory or if you think information is missing which should be included, please contact the Information Officer, Susan Schwartz, on 862 2466 **before SEPTEMBER 30th.** 



The Kew Community House aims to encourage people to increase their awareness of and concern for other people, and through a learning atmosphere help themselves and others to increase their potential for a more fulfilling life.

#### Third term at the Community House

Third term courses commence on September 29th and finish on December 4th. Our term pamphlet will be available from Monday 8th September at the Kew City Council, Library, Infant Welfare Centres, kindergartens, playgrounds, schools and of course at 6 Derby St. Kew. Childcare will be available for all morning classes so if you will need to use our childminding facilities whilst attending a class, book in early to avoid disappointment.

We will be offering microwave, ethnic and vegetarian cooking, German and Italian

language, alternative medicine, Christmas crafts, Bridge, car maintenance, return to study, a children's craft workshop and more!

We also hope to have daytime Migrant English classes. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this class please contact the Community House. Evening classes have not started due to lack of numbers. There are people in Kew who would like to improve their English but we must have 20 students to start the class.

#### **Trash and Treasure**

On Saturday 20th September we will be having a "Trash and Treasure" in Kew Shopping Centre. Fundraising is an important aspect of any voluntary organisation, so please support us by donations or by coming along on the day. We will be selling Christmas and Birthday bonbons made by people at the Community House which will be excellent value for money.

# **Kew Peace Project a success**

The seminar series run by the organizers of the Kew Peace Project in recognition of the International Year of Peace, was very successful.

The six seminars, covering a variety of topics, were addressed by distinguished speakers and attracted good attendances.

One of the most exciting events was a performance by the No Grant Theatre Company of a short play written by Melbourne teacher Michael Hyde. It was called A Flash of Light and explored the notion of individual responsibility to the issues of peace, war and nuclear disarmament.

The play is a comedy-drama and is very entertaining. There are some very catchy song and dance numbers and the three cast members play a wide range of characters convincingly.

The company has been kept very busy performing the play at secondary schools around Melbourne, but has not been invited by a Kew school yet.

A Flash of Light is an excellent way to introduce peace issues in an accessible and stimulating way.

Jools Gardiner, co-ordinator of the group, can be contacted for bookings on 531 7170 (AH).



### Keeping our children safe

A committee of parents from Kew East Primary School and St Anne's Primary School has been formed to implement the Safety House Program in the area.

Over the past few weeks there has been an education program at the schools, including a visit from members of Victoria Police, who explained the program to the children.

The Safety House program is designed to provide shelter for children on their way to and from school. A network of Safety Houses is seen to act as a deterrent to undesirable persons coming into the locality. Houses are marked with a sign developed by the Safety House Committee of Victoria, a voluntary organization that has the support and co-operation of the police.



Safety House signs have been erected at the two schools and on the letter-boxes or front fences of selected houses and at some of the shops in High Street, East Kew.

The distribution of Safety Houses in the area is still sparse. The more houses we have, the safer our children will be. The main prerequisite is that you are generally at home at the time children are in transit to and from school. If a problem arises, you are required to comfort the child and telephone the police.

If you would like more information on the Safety House Program, contact Mr B. Waters, 859 7033 or Mrs M. Frost, 859 4001.

#### Deadline

Kewriosity is produced and edited by Susan Schwartz, Information Officer for the City of Kew, and a community based Editorial Committee. Copy for the October issue should reach the Municipal Offices in Charles Street, by September 3rd.

# From the Traffic School to big time basketball!

Bill Mildenhall, teacher at the Traffic School, has just come back from Los Angeles where he represented Australia as a referee in the Summer Pro-league basketball competition. All the top American college players participate in the competition and the national teams scout for recruits.

Bill has welcomed this opportunity to experience the game at such a high level and is looking forward to sharing the new techniques he has learned with fellow players and referees here.

He started playing basketball as a junior with Southern District and



Bill Mildenhall

decided to put his energies into refereeing when he realised he would not be a top line player.

Bill is now in the elite of referees in the National Basketball League and referees competitions all around the country.

His trip to the US has been followed by one to New Zealand where he is representing Australia as referee in the Oceania championships.

In Australia only basketball and soccer have national competitions which lead on to regional and world events, so these sports are great for those who like to travel.

Bill told Kewriosity about another basketball success story. Kew resident, Eddie Crouch, a former olympic referee will be representing Oceania at the women's world championships to be held in the Soviet Union shortly.

# Kew Band wins again!

The Kew Citizens Band recently won the "A" Grade championship at the Victorian Band's League winter contest for the second year in a row. The contest was held at Blackwood Hall, Monash University.

The band is excited with the invitation to perform at the Fetes De Geneve festival in Switzerland and the famous Edinburgh festival next year. The band will be accompanied on the tour by the Glendells precision drill team (a spectacular group of girls).

The combination "Boots and Brass" have been performing together for the

past two years at many functions and are becoming widely sought after as an entertainment group.

#### Junior Band

The band had an enjoyable weekend at Beaufort in July, with the Beaufort band hosting the Kew juniors. The weekend activities included joint rehearsals and a combined concert on the Sunday. The band is currently preparing for the State Junior Championships.



On parade in the city Anzac Day march

## Adult Education Programs

The Hawthorn Community Education Centre, 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn, runs the following programs:

#### Learning for the Less Mobile

For anyone who finds it hard to get out and about, here is a chance to join with others in adult learning groups. Transport is arranged, if needed.

#### Life Writing Correspondence Course, Housebound, but not thought bound?

If you're housebound and would like to write about your life then this correspondence course is for you. There are six assignments one month apart. Come and join this unique writing group.

#### University of the Third Age.

The original concept of a University in action — people coming together to learn for the sheer love of it. Run for and by active retirees — a wide variety of daytime courses are available.

To contact any of the above ring: 819 7371, 819 8824.



# WOMEN'S CRICKET IN KEW

Spring is in the air and Summer's just around the corner. It is for the Melbourne Ladies Cricket Club at any rate; their season starts on October 4th.

The club fields three teams: **Pennant** (Top grade VWCA), **A** and **C** grades. The Seniors play their home matches at Victoria Park's south oval on Sundays from 2 p.m. **A** and **C** will play on Saturdays in Hawthorn.

Women's cricket is on the crest of a wave at the moment, following the successful Test Series against England in 1984/85.

Australia will be hosting the World Cup in 1988. The Club's opening bat/wicket keeper, Jan Girdler, has been selected for the Victoria under 21 team and they have recruited some very promising players from the Kew area last season.

They are always looking for new players and any girls interested in playing and progressing through to the top grade are invited to contact the Secretary on 898 4397.

Even if your cricketing days are behind you, it's always great to have supporters around the boundary. Why not make a day of it and have a barbecue, pull up a deck chair and there's always a cup of tea in the pavilion!

## Our talented kids!

August had two cultural high points for the children of Kew.

The first was the opening of the Kids Collection, an exhibition of primary school children's artwork from local and neighbouring schools. The exhibition ran for a week at Kew High School's Q Gallery, the only gallery in the state run by students.

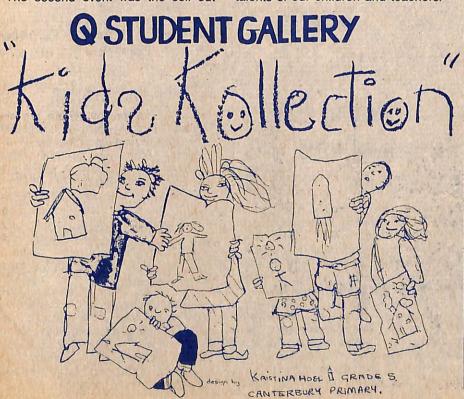
The exhibition was opened by well known artist **Mirka Mora** who praised the freshness of the children's artistic expression.

The second event was the sell out

production of **Garden Folk**, performed by the children of Kew East Primary School under the direction of teacher **Peter Beck**.

Kew East Primary had established a reputation for a high dramatic standard with **Germs** two years ago, and this production certainly maintained it.

Garden Folk, with its lively songs, witty dialogue and marvellous set (it's not often you come across a butternut pumpkin 3 metres high!) was a great success and a marvellous vehicle for displaying the talents of our children and teachers.



### **Opportunities for** helping families

**Care-Force**, a family support agency which provides services to families under stress in the Inner Eastern Region, is inviting people who care about the welfare of families, and who enjoy working with others, to join their Volunteer Team.

You could be a supportive friend to families by assisting with occasional transport, typing or office tasks. You could be part of the fundraising group or be involved at Peppercorn Cottage, providing regular or occasional childcare or sharing skills and hobbies in mothers' groups.

If you would like to contribute, please make a time to talk to the Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Whittaker on **882 2523.** She'll be glad to hear from you.

To help you to help others, training and support is provided. The next Volunteer Training Program of 6 sessions, covering such topics as acceptance, confidentiality, self esteem, communication and helping skills will be commencing shortly.

Care-Force is located at 61A Victoria Road, Hawthorn, and is sponsored by St. John's Homes for Boys and Girls, Canterbury.



# International aid only a stone's throw away

Foster Parents PLAN's Australian Headquarters operates from the Uniting Church buildings in Cotham Road right in the middle of Kew.

Behind the quiet and sedate facade there is a hive of activity. 20,000 Australian families sponsor children, their families and communities, in 22 countries around the world.

PLAN is a non political, non profit, non denominational aid organisation working with the recipients to provide basic needs in health, sanitation and education.

The aim of PLAN is to help people to help themselves. Aid is not in the form of a handout nor does the Government of the recipient country have any hold on the purse strings.

If you can help us in this important work (even spend a couple of hours in our incredible mail section), or would just like further information on any of our overseas projects why not drop in.

## » Cricket Club invites members

The Deepdene Uniting Cricket Club invites Kew residents to join the Club and share with existing members the magnificent facilities of Hay's Paddock — barbeques, duck pond, pavilions, sports grounds and the pleasant surroundings.

The Club plays in the Eastern Suburban Churches and Districts Cricket Association, and enters teams in both junior and senior competitions. At present great numbers of children who play with the Club come from local schools, and the Club has found that it is a good avenue for local children to meet one another and learn the basic skills of cricket.

The junior sides are broken up into three age groups — Under 12 (where players must be at least 8 years of age) Under 14 and Under 16. Girls can play in both Under 12 and 14 competitions. This year the Club envisages having 5 junior sides.

The senior grades which the Club enters are A, B, C and D. This enables people of all cricketing standards to play an appropriate grade.

If you would like to join the Club: — Senior Secretary: Rob Lee **842 3495** (AH) or Junior Secretary: Ian Hocking **232 6877** (AH).

## **Footy News**

After six successive wins to gain fourth position, Kew Football Club finally lost to Thomastown (2nd) and Ajax (1st). This saw a tumble to fifth position with three matches to play.

Coach Serge D'Angelo is pushing for a determined effort in the remaining games to regain fourth position.

Players to show out — Joey Bussutil (50 goals), Richard James, George Portelli, Craig Atkins, James McEwen, Mick Lord and Ben Casuria.

The Reserves were jubilant after recording a courageous first win over Old Haileybury.

Club XVIII are currently sitting in third position and are certain to play in the finals.

Club details, including finals venues, will be published in *Progress Press* or contact Secretary Mick Bollman 63 0481 (W), 818 6536 (H), 817 1118 (Pavilion).

## Kew Lions honoured

Honorary Life Membership was bestowed upon Mr A.J.G. Stevens and Mr N.J. Lyall, two of the most revered members of the Kew Lions Club.

Bert Stevens was the Charter President of the Kew Lions Club and former Mayor of Kew. Noel Lyall is Treasurer of Kew Lions Club and was President of the Kew Bowling Club during the Centenary Year.

The Honorary Life Membership Awards are in recognition of long continuous service to the Kew Lions Club and Lions International.

# Space wanted — rent free

The Kew Christmas Card Shop has been, part of Kew's Christmas scene for the past fourteen years.

The shop has given a two-way service by selling Christmas cards in aid of various local charities and auxiliaries, most of which depend on fund raising to continue their welfare work, and by offering a selection of reasonably priced cards for those who have difficulty travelling into the City to the Melbourne Charity Card Shop.

The Kew Charities are looking for a generous benefactor who is willing to give them space, rent free, in the main shopping centre

If space cannot be found, the Kew Shop will cease to exist.

The Kew Charities acknowledge their past benefactors: Spiller's Pharmacy, Kew Council and the Paraplegic and Quadraplegic Association.

If anyone is able to help, please contact Beth Brodribb on **725 9688** or **859 2447** (AH).

# Keeping you informed

Before engaging a solicitor it is often wise to discuss your problem with one of the lawyers who offer their professional experience at the Citizens' Advice Bureau. This free legal service is available each Tuesday evening between 7.30 and 9 p.m., and help is available on such matters as property transfers, wills and estates, or perhaps an impending Court appearance. You will find the Bureau in the City Hall directly opposite the Library. No appointment is needed, or, if you prefer, you can telephone on 861 5244.

#### notices continued

# Guide Leaders needed urgently

Kew District desperately needs leaders for the 8 to 10½ and 10½ to 14 year age groups. We have waiting lists for both groups but NO LEADERS.

You don't need to tie knots, sleep in a tent or be arty-crafty to be a Girl Guide Leader (unless you want to!).

You DO receive love and trust from children, share companionship with adults and have lots of fun.

If you are interested — previous experience not necessary — please phone Mrs Stradwick on **817 4810**. She will be pleased to answer your questions and introduce you to Guiding.

#### Guide Dogs Toastmasters Club — Kew

The President and Committee of Guide Dogs Toastmasters Club invite the general public to any of its meetings held at the Guide Dog Training Centre, Chandler Highway, Kew on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. with business formalities followed by impromptu 60 second speeches which are often entertaining. After supper a program of prepared 7-minute speeches is presented. There are awards presented for every section including evaluation of speeches.

Much valuable experience and confidence is gained in participation. Enquiries: 859 3746 (AH).

### Anyone for croquet?

September is opening season for Kew Croquet Club in Victoria Park, High St., Kew. Do you need a new interest which supplies a challenge, exercise, good company and fresh air? If so 'phone Secretary on **861 5658**.

#### Concerned about Playgrounds

The recently formed Playground Committee is seeking new members amongst the citizens of Kew. The Committee aims to assist Council in developing and implementing policies in regard to Kew's open spaces to ensure that the aspirations of the community are met. If interested please contact Sue Hill (862 1724) or Belinda Sims (861 8158).